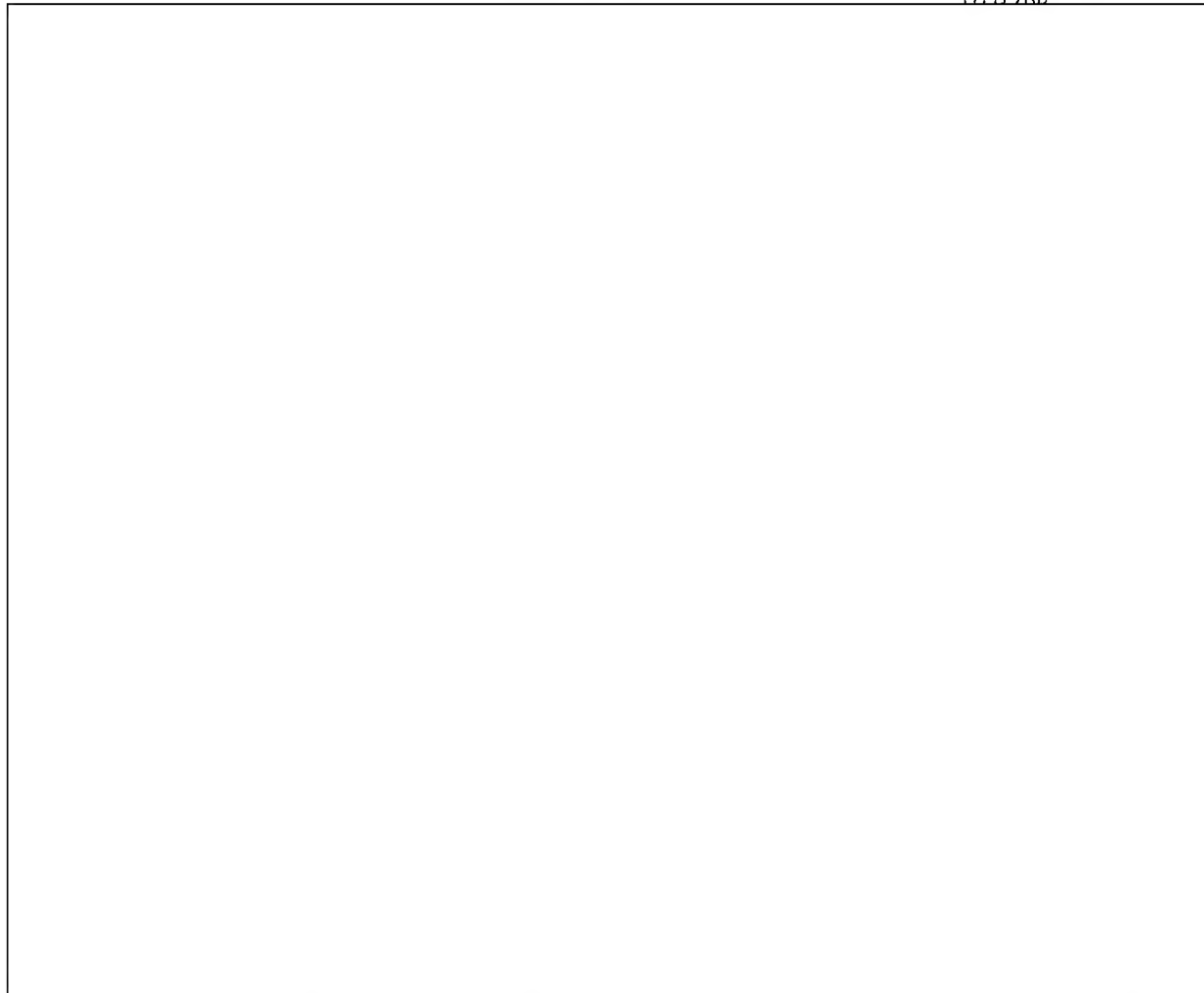


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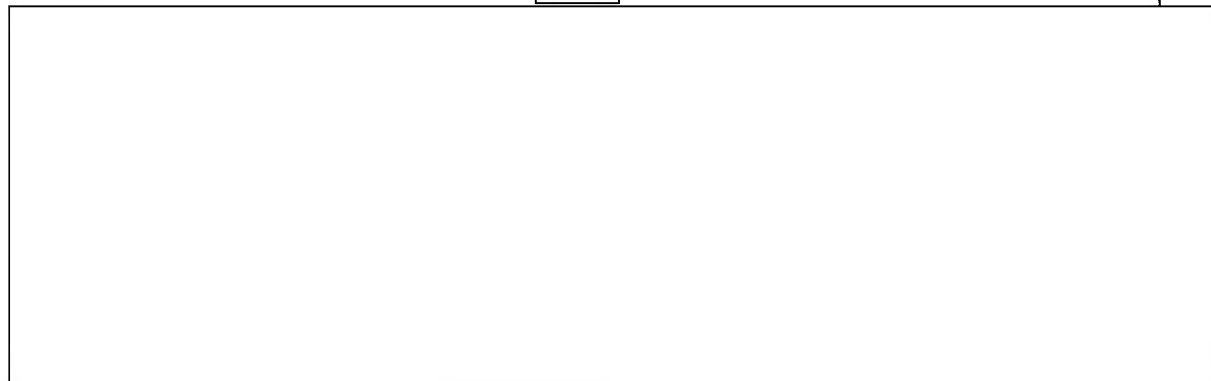
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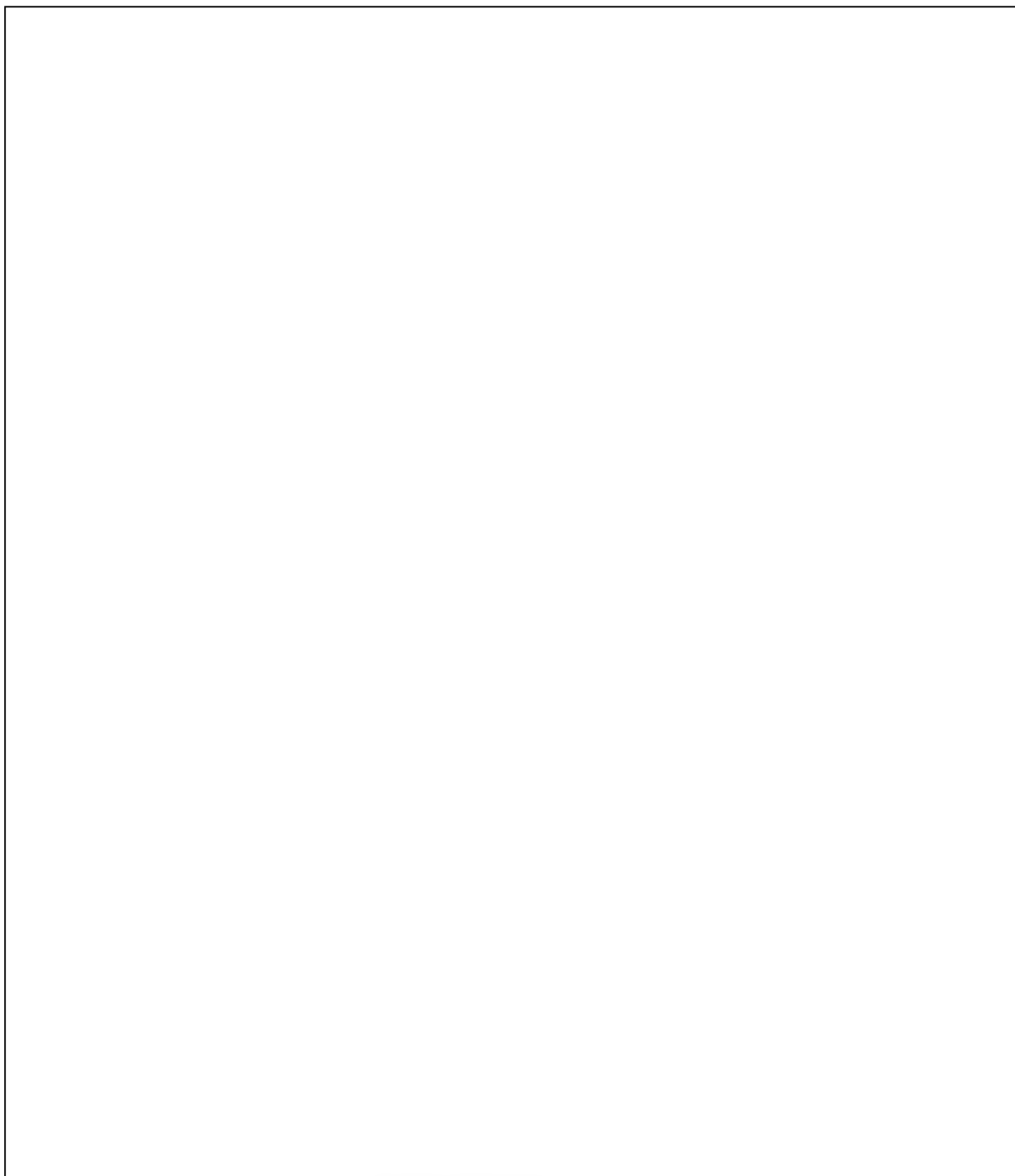


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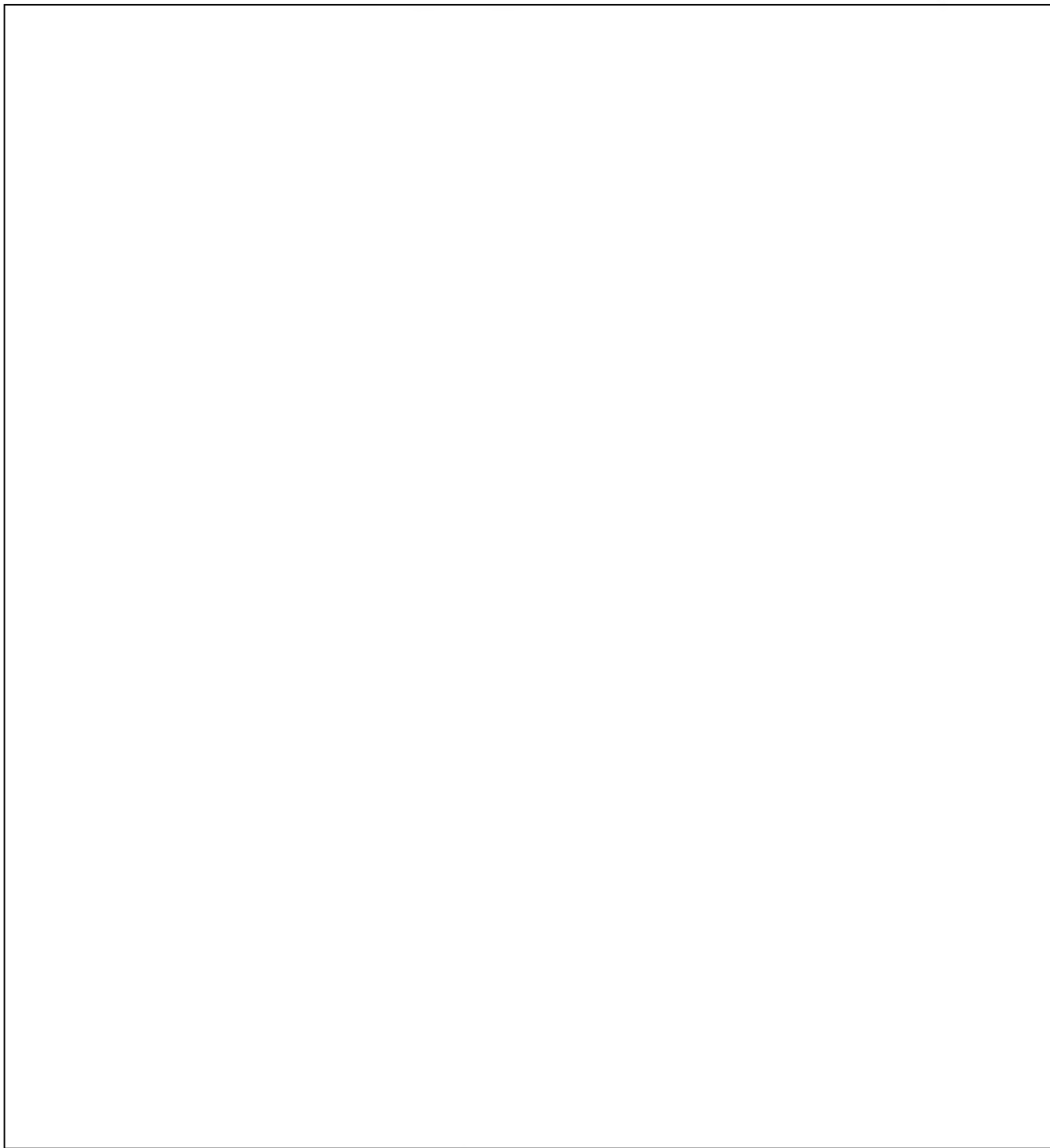
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KING HUSSEIN HAS CANCELED HIS VISIT TO LONDON AND IS RETURNING

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TO JORDAN AMID REPORTS OF VIOLENCE NEAR THE CAPITAL. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MOST OF THE RIOTING HAS SUBSIDED, BUT OCCASIONAL
VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE STILL OCCURRING. PRESS REPORTS SAY
RIOTERS BURNED A BANK IN MADABA, 30 KILOMETERS FROM AMMAN, YESTERDAY
AND DEMONSTRATORS THREW STONES IN AS SALT, 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE
CAPITAL. MOST OF JORDAN'S ARMED FORCES ARE ON ALERT, AND ARMY UNITS
ARE DEPLOYED AT MANY ROAD JUNCTIONS BETWEEN AL QATRANAH AND MA'AN,
WHERE RIOTING OCCURRED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH AN ARMY UNIT FIRED AT CIVILIANS WEDNESDAY
NIGHT IN ONE SMALL TOWN, THE POLICE APPARENTLY ARE STILL HANDLING
MOST SECURITY DUTIES IN THE LARGE TOWNS AND CITIES. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: HUSSEIN'S RETURN IS LIKELY TO REDUCE THE UNREST. THE
DEMONSTRATORS HAVE REMAINED LOYAL TO THE CROWN BUT ARE PRESSING FOR
THE DISMISSAL OF PRIME MINISTER RIFA'I, WHOM THEY BLAME FOR
MISMANAGING JORDAN'S ECONOMY. HUSSEIN PRESUMABLY WILL CONTINUE
APPEALING FOR PATIENCE WITH THE AUSTERITY PROGRAM AND BLAMING
JORDAN'S FINANCIAL STRAITS ON THE SHORTFALL OF PROMISED ARAB AID. HE
MAY ALSO OFFER TOKEN CONCESSIONS TO SOFTEN THE BLOW OF AUSTERITY. IF
THE DISORDERS CONTINUE, HE IS LIKELY TO ORDER INCREASED MILITARY
INTERVENTION BUT MAY SACRIFICE RIFA'I. [REDACTED]

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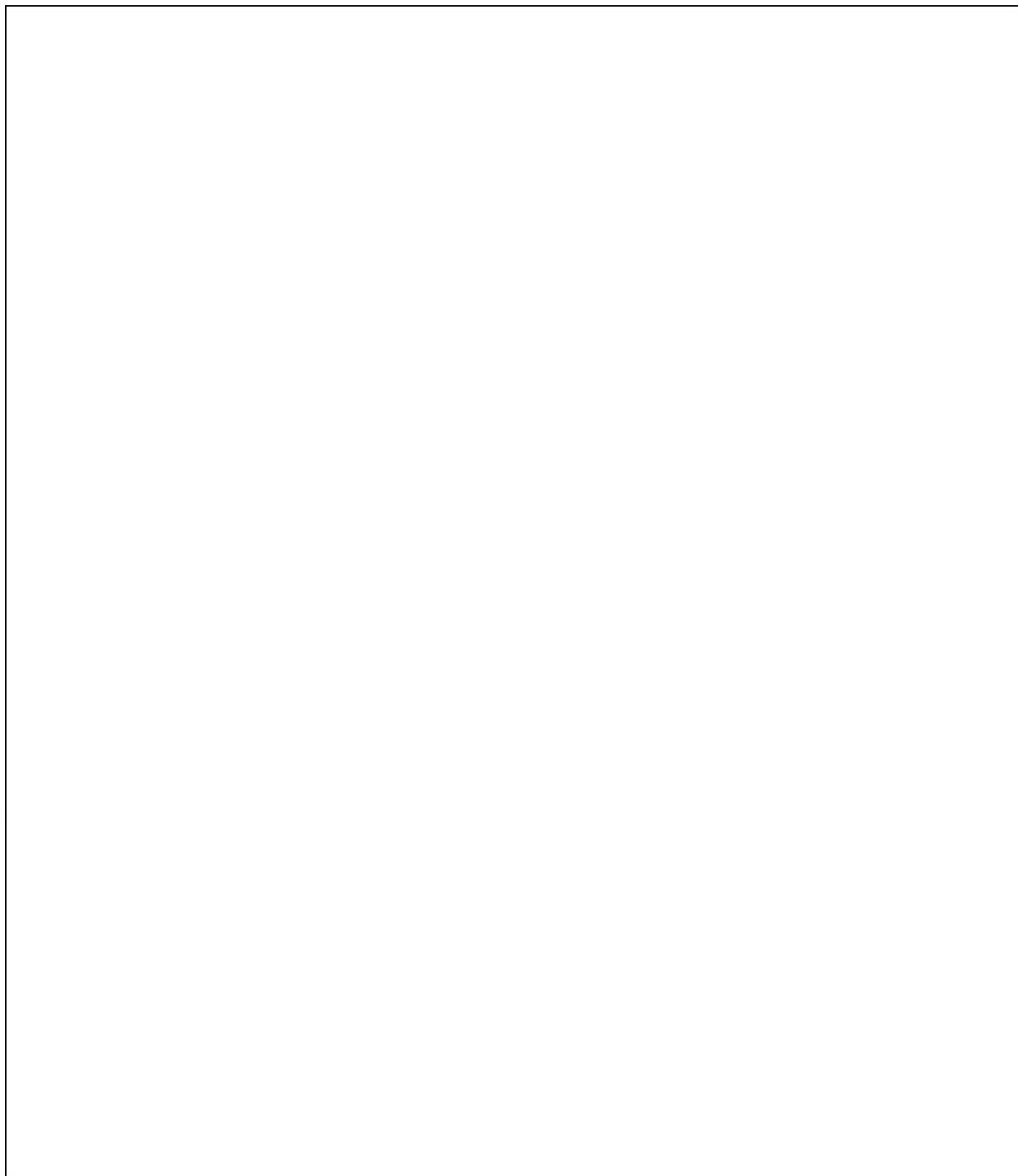
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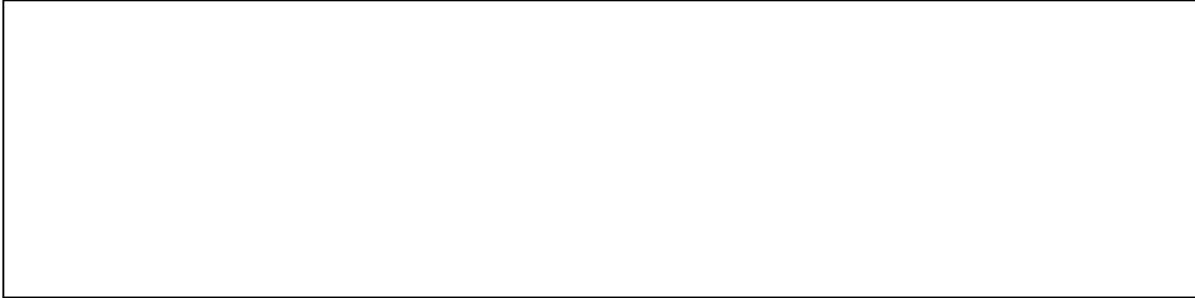
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